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Confusion, disorder rule ASU Executive Council

By DIANA MOSS
Assoc. News Editor

Lately the Associated Student Union Executive Council has changed size every time it meets. To date there have been three resignations, two recommended expulsions which failed, and one position filled by a vote later declared invalid.

It was a case of you-can't-fire-me-because-I-quit with Vice President Christina Quacquarini, whose resignation was approved by council after Dr. Mary E. Lee, president of Valley College, overruled the attempt to expell her last week.

Lee ruled that Quacquarini and William Koegler shall remain in their respective positions, vice president and commissioner of elections, retroactive to the Jan. 9 meeting.

Council took a recess of one hour and 20 minutes so that Dr. Gloria Miranda, ASU adviser, could get the final ruling on the proposed expulsions.

Lee's ruling was made after the ASU President's Cabinet's recommended to expell two members of the Executive Council due to alleged excessive absences.

Before the recess was taken, the council officially accepted the resignations of Kristin Jaeger and Beverly Heath, ASU corresponding secretary and commissioner of black ethnic studies, respectively.

Heath's resignation was brought about by her withdrawal from school for personal reasons, and Jaeger said she would not be able to continue in office.

However, council was unable to accept Quacquarini's resignation at that time because it had been predated by the recommended expulsion. Quacquarini stated that she would not be able to continue in her elected office. (*See related story*)

Jaeger's resignation was tendered as of Dec. 1, 1989 and Quacquarini's as of Jan. 16.

There was no motion made at Tuesday's meeting to fill the vacant position of vice president.

Because of Lee's ruling, last week's council approval of Alaine Jelsvik and Sean DuPont was declared invalid. Jelsvik and DuPont had been approved as Walker's appointees to the president's cabinet and as recording secretary, respectively.

The council voted to reject Sean DuPont as recording secretary at Tuesday's meeting. A vote of four ayes and two abstentions was recorded.

The two abstentions came from Mary Bella and Melissa Waskey, commissioner of disabled awareness and commissioner of athletics, respectively. No vote was taken in regards to Jelsvik's appointment.

When questioned about the recent activities taking place inside the ASU, Miranda said, "I'll reserve comment until the air clears."

"I'm shocked and appalled that these select individuals would take such actions like those today," said David Ross, commissioner of public relations. "This act has adversely affected the business at hand today and for several weeks to come.

"It's a shame that students here at Valley have been let down," said Ross. "It is clear where these select individuals hearts are — clearly not with the organization, student body and the campus."

"In my opinion, the actions by the members were personal, if not toward Sean then toward myself," said A. Michael Juarez, commissioner of evening division.

"I feel that because Sean and I are friends, that since she [one person who voted against DuPont] couldn't get me, she did by attacking an acquaintance," said Juarez.

Dupont said: "I think what happened today was completely uncalled for and showed a vindictive and emotional state not conducive for [a commissioner]. Those women had no good reason whatsoever."

Vice president replies

"Lisa did not have all of her facts straight," said Quacquarini. "The absenses I had were excused by Dr. Gloria Miranda [ASU adviser]."

Miranda concurred: "All of Christina's absenses were cleared by me. They were either from illness or work."

Second, said Quacquarini, "I gave my verbal resignation on Jan. 5 ... therefore expulsion was unnecessary."

Quacquarini left because of problems with Walker and David Ross, commissioner of public relations. "They made it very difficult to work," said Quacquarini. "Many other council members believe that they acted unconstitutionally.

"The problems started at the end of October and still continue," said Quacquarini. "Walker had very good energy at the beginning but now her energy is sour energy.

"She is a go-getter and she had good goals for ASU, but after the convention in San Diego things went down hill."

Walker was unavailable for comment.

—compiled by Dora Roman

DORA ROMAN / Valley Star

CATCHING THE RHYTHM — Afro-Cuban percussionist Juan "Long John" Oliva performed to a small but enthusiastic crowd in Monarch Hall last Sunday. Accompanied by a group of musicians blending flutes, strings, keyboards, brass and folk instruments, Oliva brightened up a rainy afternoon.

ASU holds elections for commissioners

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

At the half-way mark on Wednesday evening, approximately 80 students had voted in the Associated Student Union elections. This number is 30 more than voted in last semester's election, said William Koegler, commissioner of elections. Voting began Tuesday evening and will continue until polls close tonight at 9 p.m.

Candidates for nine commissionerships were given the option of submitting a short statement to the *Star* with their election petition.

Student Welfare

Michael Juarez, 25, a business administration and accounting major, is running for commissioner of student welfare. Juarez, as the current commissioner of evening division, has worked with the Administration of Justice Club to expand its Nightwatch escort program. He is also member of the ASU president's cabinet, a body of advisers to the ASU president. He plans, if elected

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Final Examination Schedule

Fall semester 1989
Wednesday, January 24 - Thursday, February 1

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the first regular class meeting time after January 23.

Classes of less-than-semester length (4, 5, 6, 8 or 9-week classes) will have their final exam at the last meeting of the class.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will have final exams as follows:
Monday classes: Jan. 29
Tuesday classes: Jan. 30
Wednesday classes: Jan. 24
Thursday classes: Jan. 25

All Saturday classes will have final exams on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8 to 10 a.m.

CLASSES MEETING ON	7 a.m. & 7:30 M or W or F	7 a.m. & 7:30 Tu or TH	8 a.m. & 8:30 M or W or F	8 a.m. & 8:30 Tu or TH	9 a.m. & 9:30 M or W or F	9 a.m. & 9:30 Tu or TH
FINAL ON	**Wed. Jan. 24 8-10**	**Thurs. Feb. 1 8-10**	**Fri. Jan. 26 8-10**	**Tues. Jan. 30 8-10**	**Mon. Jan. 29 8-10**	**Thurs. Jan. 25 8-10**
CLASSES MEETING ON	10 a.m. & 10:30 M or W or F	10 a.m. & 10:30 Tu or TH	11 a.m. & 11:30 M or W or F	11 a.m. & 11:30 Tu or TH	Noon & 12:30 M or W or F	Noon & 12:30 Tu or TH
FINAL ON	**Wed. Jan. 24 10:30-12:30**	**Thurs. Jan. 25 10:30-12:30**	**Fri. Jan. 26 10:30-12:30**	**Tues. Jan. 30 10:30-12:30**	**Mon. Jan. 29 1-3**	**Thurs. Feb. 1 10:30-12:30**
CLASSES MEETING ON	1 p.m. & 1:30 M or W or F	1 p.m. & 1:30 Tu or TH	2 p.m. & 2:30 M or W or F	2 p.m. & 2:30 Tu or TH	3 p.m. & 3:30 M or W or F	3 p.m. & 3:30 Tu or TH
FINAL ON	**Wed. Jan. 31 1-3**	**Thurs. Jan. 25 1-3**	**Wed. Jan. 24 1-3**	**Tues. Jan. 30 1-3**	**Fri. Jan. 26 1-3**	**Thurs. Feb. 1 1-3**

In case of conflicts or for make-up exams, see instructor

MEChA looks ahead

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

MEChA's (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Azatlan) meeting held last Saturday in Monarch Hall included community speakers who emphasized the importance for latino youth to strive for a higher education and the opportunities now being provided.

Like Rev. Jesse Jackson's speeches to young blacks a decade ago, words of motivation emphasizing Chicano pride were spoken to MEChA clubs from junior and senior high schools and colleges throughout Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel Valley, who met in Monarch Hall at the invitation of Valley's MEChA.

MEChA's goal is to support fellow latinos and help them go on to a higher education.

"Encouraging people to stay in school is still an issue," said Raymond Mireles, a judge at the Van Nuys Superior Court.

"Since we [in the Chicano community] share basic problems, with support you will succeed and will become roll models for other individuals," Mireles told the clubs.

One common denominator of Chicano students is the basic economic problem that most have. "What is very important, is realizing that the problems are not unique," Mireles said. "You are not alone, these problems can be overcome."

To unite the youth with similar concerns, all of MEChA's clubs will be having a central newsletter. Funds have been given for all the MEChA clubs to share information and tell each other what is happening.

Moreover, MEChA now includes clubs in junior and senior high schools as well as major universities, such as UCLA.

Since it is very hard to keep all the clubs together, by having this news letter MEChA hopes to keep in touch. The newsletter will be published every two months.

"It is entirely up to us to go to the top," said Diane Diaz, who is a reporter for KNBC channel 4. Diaz was graduated from San Fernando High School, and later by scholarships, loans and grants was graduated from USC where she majored in broadcasting and journalism.

She feels that latinos are now taken seriously in all areas, but making things happening is an issue for the entire latino community.

"Where latinos are going in the world is entirely up to us," said Diaz, adding "I don't see why there will be a difference with latino women."

"If there are any obstacles, we can overcome them. If it is economic, there are scholarships, financial aid," said Diaz. "There are now more opportunities for latinos to succeed, but it is up to us to get those oppurtunities."

One student indicated he was moved by the speakers. "I've been inspired by the message Diane [Diaz] has given. It's made me feel more positive as well as giving me a better feeling. If she can succeed we all can," said Ramon Diaz, president of Valley's MEChA.

The message was clear at the end of the conference. "No one is going to do anything for us, we have to do it ourselves," said Xenon Ayala, who teaches Chicano Studies at Pacoima Junior High.

The event emphasized a positive image for all Chicanos, regardless of their educational goals. "Living in any barrio is not bad," said Ayala. "It's up to us to make our barrios better."

——STAR EDITORIAL——

Congratulations

Kudos are in order for Monarch head football coach Chuck Ferrero and his staff whose young and inexperienced team capped off the 1989 season with their first bowl game in 14 years.

"It was an especially gratifying season because we were a young team." said Ferrero. "I am proud of the fact that the team progressed the way it did."

Did they ever!

The Monarchs appeared to be headed no where with opening losses to Mt. San Antonio, Moorpark and L.A. Southwest.

By the fourth week, the offense and the defense came together and the Monarchs proceeded to win five of the next seven games, including four in a row at one stretch.

"The progress was right on track," said Ferrero. "None of the players got down and I'm proud to finish second in a tough division."

The strong finish earned them a birth in the Western State Conference bowl against Santa Barbara, also 5-5. Both teams finished 4-1 in their respective divisions.

Through the supports of Valley athletic director George Goff, Valley President Mary Lee and the administration, the Monarchs received the opportunity to host the game as well.

"It was an honor for Valley to host the bowl game," said Ferrero. "Everyone from the athletic director and the administration did a class job."

The game ended in a 25-25 tie but it could have significance in the areas of recruiting and fan interest.

"We received many compliments from the other athletic directors from our conference for the fine job done." added Ferrero. "We had a good crowd and we could have more opportunities now."

Freshman safety Sam Edwards, whose tight coverage on opposing receivers yielded nine interceptions, was named the Western State Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Edwards was also named First Team All-State.

Freshman quarterback Trendell Williams was named the offensive player of the year in the Southern Division of the Western State Conference.

Edwards and Williams will be part of a solid nucleus that should give the coaching staff and fans something to be excited about in 1990.

The Star wishes Chuck Ferrero and the Monarch football team continued success on their winning traditions and future bids for post-season bowl appearances.

For our readers information

OFFICIAL LACCD POLICY ON ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDRONE (AIDS)

The following has been taken from a pamphlet distributed by the Los Angeles Community College District

Guidelines

The following guidelines are based on current epdemiological data indicating that students or employees with AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or a positive HIV antibody test do not pose a health risk to other students and employees in an academic setting.

1. Students and employees with AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or positive HIV antibody test should be afforded normal classroom attendance, working conditions, and participation in cocurricular activities in an physically and psychologically able to do so.

2. Each campus/worksite should provide reasonable accommodation to employees and students with AIDS and related illness in a manner consistent with those provided for other medical problems.

3. Programs should not be implemented to require screening of students and employees for AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or a positive HIV antibody test. No persons shall be required to undergo testing for AIDS, ARC or the HIV antibody.

4. Students and employees with AIDS, AIDS Related Complex or a positive HIV antibody test should be given assistance, consistent with other illnesses, in obtaining appropiate medical care, education, and accommodations.

5. If an employee or student has concerns about the presence of a person with the AIDS virus, that individual should be directed to a knowledgeable counselor or administrator to help allay fears. Appropraite educational programs and/or counseling serives should be provided, or referral should be made to appropiate community agencies for those persons with continuing fears or concerns about the disease.

6. The Chancellor, the College Presidents, and all administrators are encourages to schedule periodic staff development workshops for all employees to disseminate information and answer questions about AIDS. These workshops should draw upon the expertise developed through the Chancellor's Task Force on AIDS and the District's Office of Staff Development.

7. Consideration of the existence of AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or a positive HIV antibody test should not be part of the admission decision for prospective students or any employment decision for prospective employees.

8. There is no justification for restricting access to libraries; student unions; social, cultural and athletic events; dining areas; gymnasia; swimming pools; recreation facilities; and other common areas, of persons with AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or positive HIV antibody tests.

9. Each campus/worksite should take necessary steps to ensure the safety of individuals participating in laboratory experiments involving blood, blood products, and body fliuds, as specified in Centers for Disease Control Recommendations for Prevention of HIV Transmission in Health Care Settings. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR); 38: S-6 1989.

10. The Chancellor Advisory Committe and each Campus Committee should establish communication links with County Health Agencies and where available, community AIDS centers in order to obtain current medical and referral information.

11. Nursing and other health care departments should develop guidlines for student contact with patients in order to prevent acquistion of infectious communicable diseases from patient to health care student. Students participating in field work experiences in community health care settings should be provided assurance by the training facility that it is in compilance with the California Public Health Service's guidelines for the handling of blood, blood products, and body fliuds.

12. Staff of campus child care centers should be familiar with and follow the Child Development Center's recommendations on the education and foster care of children infected with the AIDS virus, including asymptomatic carriers and children with AIDS and ARC.

General policy

1. The President of each campus/worksite shall appoint an advisory committee of campus and community members to further the goals of educating and informing the campus/worksite community about AIDS.

2. Each campus/worksite shall develop and implement a comprehensive AIDS virus education program for students and employees. The implementation of an effective program, based on current medical evidence, provides the best way to dispel fears that safety risks exist in a normal academic and employment environment.

3. Each campus/worksite shall rely on existing mechanisms in evaluating an individual student or staff member's ability to function where questions or problems arise.

4. Confidentiality of medical information relating to person's who have AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, or positive HIV antibody test shall be maintained. According to policy and law, personal information (which includes medical information) in District employee or student records cannot be released to the public in the absence of consent or appropriate legal process.

-Letters to *Star*-

Physiology students refuse to cut the heads off live frogs.

Editor,

I was pleased to see the article about animal vivisection and dissection in the *Valley Star*. However, I wish the reporter would have investigated more throughly the other classes that use animals.

I am currently enrolled in Physiology 6. While I regret the fact that there are cats to dissect, at least I can take some comfort in knowing that they were bound to be destroyed because their owners did not take the humane consideration of having them spayed and neutered.

However, in Physiology 6 the students are *required* to perform experiments on *living* frogs. We were first required to *cut off their heads* with scissors to make them brain dead. Some of them screamed, although the instructor insisted that they were feeling no pain.

Half the instruments did not work properly and most of the class did not know what they were doing. It was a waste of life.

When three students objected, the instuctor was extremely upset and would offer no alternative much less listen to our objections. We were docked points off our total score and threatened with additional testing in front of the rest of the class.

When we took our concerns to the college officials we were shuffl ed around to different deans and finally told that the instructors can do anything they want.

Being a nursing student, I understand that this is a required class. However, nothing was gained from the experiment that couldn't have been better explained with films and models.

After calling several animal rights organizations, including the Physicans Committee for Responsible Medicine, which is against using live animals in classrooms, I was told that if I were a high school student in California I would be able to ob ject, but the law did not apply to college and university students.

This exercise in futility really bothered me, but not half as much as it bothered the frogs. I wish the reporter could further investigate this and perhaps get the college to offer [an] alternative, if not stop the live animal usage all together.

Jacqueline Coulson
Nursing Major

Fraterization between teacher and student has no place at Valley.

Editor,

The touchy situation of faculty student fraterization has plagued American universities probably since the beginning. It often tears apart the lives of those involved and leads to student drop-out and faculty disipline.

It happens even here at Valley College, where a certain faculty member will initiate "after class discussion" at a local pub, which then leads to interpersonal relationships between the faculty member and a student, a student-that is in the class he is teaching.

If that's not bad enough, then the teacher suggests that the student leave her present lover and move out.

Needless to say, this causes damage to not only the student, but to her lover (also a student), as well as to the teacher, when approached by the student's lover to stop this immoral behavior, comdemmed by the rules that faculty members must abide by.

Why then, might I add, must students be forced to deal with these additional hardships that even further their already heavy burden of attaining success in their studies here at Valley College, just because of a selfish faculty member that doesn't have the class to find the morality to follow the rules of the institution that employs him.

Yes, by now everyone reading this letter will know that this is my way of letting the faculty member know that he has walked on thin ice and thinks he has made it across to the other side, but in reality, he has only made it to an island and its geting warmer.

I really don't want to go to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, as I was told to. Instead, [I am making] a plea to students and faculty members to help in making all of our days here at Valley College a learning experience, instead of the dreaded hell that it has been for me the last two months.

It wouldn't be fair to my lover or the faculty member to give their names, so I cannot sign this letter because then the faculty member's job will be at stake and this way it will give him fair chance to adjust his current "teaching" techniques. Let's have all of our faculty members teach us, not tempt us.

Name withheld
Student

Some homosexuals know from an early age they are different.

Editor,

As a member of the Gay community, I must repond to John S. Scott's letter of Jan. 11, 1990. First of all, I shall not debate his belief that "homosexuality is a sin." He is entitled to his feelings and faith. Many people live according to belief systems that they never question.

Mr. Scott also stated "...some gays feel they were born gay...People must choose that path at some point in their lives." I am one of those gays that believe I was born the way I am.

Ever since I can remember (somewhere around five), I sensed I was different and grew up wanting closeness with my boy friends even before I knew what sex was. Assuming that Mr. Scott is 'straight', did he choose his path at some point in his life?

I urge Mr. Scott and others to continue to seek education instead of relying on dogmatism. A great start would be the Human Sexuality course taught here.

Sincerely,
Paul C. Goodman
Economics

Volunteering: a positive difference

By CATHERINE THADEN
Staff Writer

Imagine that you are no longer young and vivacious. Your eyesight has deteriorated to the point where you can no longer read a book or even watch television. Your hearing is distorted by a constant ringing in your ears that makes normal conversation impossible. Your skin is no longer soft, supple and pleasing to touch.

Instead, it is wrinkled and ridden with red welts, (caused by bed sores) because you can no longer walk around by yourself and spend most of your time in bed, unless someone else moves you around.

You are old and your family cannot or will not take care of you any longer, so they place you in a nursing home.

There are an estimated 1.5 million people in some 15,000 nursing homes nationwide, according to Larry Himan, the regional director of the California Association of Health facilities.

Many people say the death-like atmosphere in the nursing homes is to depressing and that's why they do not volunteer their services.

If this fear of death is dealt with and overcome, they would be able to help some of the people who are so alone in these nursing home.

"Most, but not all, residents of nursing homes are between the ages of 90-105," said Henry Garland, who works for the Department of Social Services. Volunteering your time to take care of people in this age group will bring you in contact with a piece of living American history.

A man, (who lives in a nursing home where I help out) who I share much laughter with, told me about his brand new Model-T Ford and how it raced along the dirt road at speeds he never thought imaginable.

Others are quick to recall how the Great Depression had a tremendous effect on their lives and if there was only one thing they learned from during that time, it was how to economize and save money any way they could. They tell me to do the same, because you never know when something like that will happen again.

Volunteering has been an excellent way of building friendships and making a positive difference within my community. I believe that if you try it you will find it can do the same thing for you.

So many times, I find myself taking a stroll (outside of the home's grounds) with an elderly people who have not left the confines of the nursing home since the last time I was there. Watching them enjoying and rediscovering the wonderful things in life, even that of watching a precious yellow flower sprouting from a crack within the cement sidewalk is so rewarding.

Solon, a ruler in Ancient Greece, imposed a law in Athens mandating every person to volunteer their time in the betterment of the city.

Even though it is highly unlikely that a law would ever be passed like that in modern America, (for the most part, because it wouldn't be called "volunteering" any longer).

We all would feel so much more joy in our lives if we could find it in our hearts to make time each week, if only for an hour, to reach out in some way and touch the lives of others in order to make our community a better place to live in.

So many of the aged are lonely and for the most part forgotten. For me, taking a few moments out from my hectic life filled with work, school and homework has put a new perspective on my life.

Being with these elderly people has made my life one that is filled with laughter and friendships and true wisdom from people that have lived longer than I.

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This week on campus

Today-January 18

Noon—Don Nelligan directs the LAVC Studio Jazz Band in the Little Theater.
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.—The recent paintings, drawings and prints of Walter Askin closes. Art Gallery, free admission.

Friday-January 19

Noon—Don Nelligan directs "11 O'Clock Jazz at Noon" in Music Building Rm. 112.
6:30 p.m.—Valley-Pierce Hillel meets for a Shabbat dinner and presentation "All About Israel" in the Hillel Lounge, 13162 Burbank Blvd.; for information call (818) 994-7443.

Saturday-January 20

5 p.m.—Women's basketball hosts Ventura College at Men's Gym.
7 p.m.—Men's basketball hosts Ventura College in Men's Gym.

Wednesday-January 24

5 p.m.—Women's basketball at Santa Barbara City College.
7 p.m—Men's basketball at Santa Barbara City College.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2-6, TBA—Baseball team plays in Foothill Tournament at Glendale-Citrus College.

Campus community reflects on racism

By LUTHER ORRICK
Staff Writer

Racism is ever present in our society, as evidenced by hate crimes, Ku Klux Klan rallies and other white supremist group activities.

While these are extremist situations, how much prejudice exists here on campus? How far have we come since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's death?

Racism by definition is a belief that human races have distinctive characteristics that determine their respective cultures. Throughout history there has been the implication that one race was superior and had the right to rule another.

Henrietta Sparks, counselor for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, feels there is racism on campus as there is racism in our society. However, she feels the administration and teachers at Valley treat students equally.

Sparks has observed many situations through the eyes of an EOPS counselor dealing with individual complaints of racism but would not divulge any specifics.

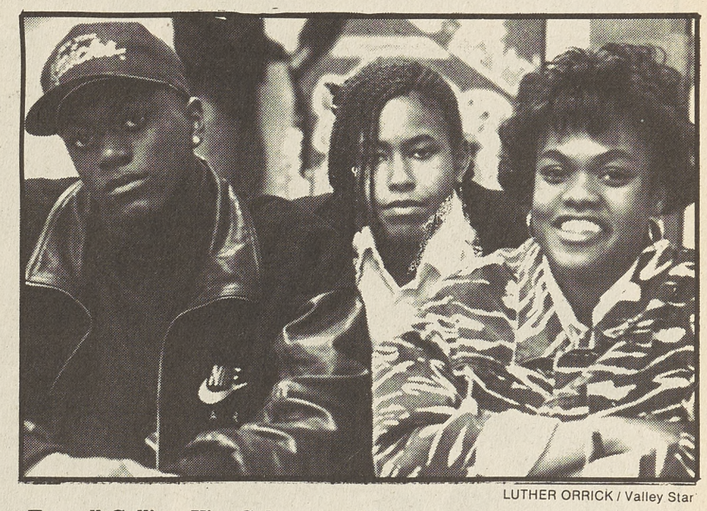
Unfortunately, many students feel less than confident in reporting these incidents to designated people who are there to help.

"I think that a student that has had a problem of this sort should first speak to a teacher, second— a department chairperson and third— the campus ombudsman, who is there to solve student grievances," said Sparks.

What examples of racism are evident in the United States today? Sydell Pannor, professor of sociology at Valley, said, "There has always been a criticism of the census: in places like Harlem and other hard-core inner cities, the blacks and Hispanics aren't always being counted accurately." An accurate census is important because "if you don't count blacks or Hispanics in the cities, they don't get their representation [in Congress]."

Pannor believes there is "institutionalized racism, when you compare the levels of educational attainment of blacks, whites and Hispanics." Pannor added "There are always your exceptions."

From the students' point of view, there are mixed feelings about racism. Some feel the issue shouldn't even be brought out in the open; others think the issue deserves a lot more exposure.



LUTHER ORRICK / Valley Star

Tramell Collins, Kim Coleman and Precious Vance

Monica Dyson, former vice president of the Black Student Union said, "Yes, I think there is racism on campus toward all minorities, Hispanics, blacks, Asians, etc. I still think that there are people who believe black people are stupid." Stereotypes such as this tend to bring out conflict between races.

Black students like Tramell Collins claim, "There are many types of prejudices, but the one that I think is the worst is when you are judged by the color of your skin."

Discrimination is not only present between races but among races themselves, according to some. For example, there exists discrimination based on economic status and social status within a same race. "The black middle class looks down on the black lower class," said Kim Coleman, a Valley student.

Whether it's by the way one is represented in Congress or the way one is seen on campus, the barriers to equality confronting minority groups in the United States reveal how strong racism lingers more than 20 years after King's death.

Staff writer Jeannette Regalado contributed to this article.

ELECTION...

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commissioner of student welfare, to start a small health center on campus.

Statement to the *Star*: "Representation of all students must never cease. Health matters of students are a great concern here at Valley, especially since there is no health center on campus. Already, as a member of the Health Service Committee, I find the needs of the students alarmingly high regarding student welfare matters. As the representative of Valley to the other schools as well as the district itself, I say my fight for student welfare has just begun and will not end until there is a health center at Valley. Remember, fellow students, I'm a commissioner for the students. I'm in office by the students, for the students. I listen to my constituents."

Fine Arts

Juan Murillo, 24, political science major, is running for commissioner of fine arts. He is vice president of MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Azatlan) and was commissioner of Chicano Ethnic Studies for two semesters last year. "I feel there is no real effort from the administration or faculty to increase fine arts awareness," said Murillo. "I hope to get people aware of what art really is." His planned projects include a mural for campus.

No statement was submitted.

Public Relations

Marci Cowan, 26, is a business major who plans to transfer to USC and is one of two candidates for commissioner of public relations.

Statement to the *Star*:"As commissioner of public relations I would strive to keep my fellow students better informed of events and activities sponsored on campus. In the past they have gone unused because students weren't aware of them. It is part of our education and we are entitled to know about the activities here on campus."

Jessica Chavez, 18, is a public relations major and also seeks the office of commissioner of public relations. She handles public relations for MEChA. She would like to see more activities happening on campus

Disabled Awareness

Marti Brande, 34, is running for commissioner of disabled awareness. "I've seen both 'normal' and 'handicapped' sides," said Brande, who is disabled herself. Brande has worked to make the community more aware of Mayfan Syndrome, the disability she has, and will continue to sponsor informative programs.

Statement to the *Star*. "My name is Marti Brande. I am running for commissioner of disabled awareness. I am part of the disabled students program. Since I obtained my disability later in life, I feel that I have the capability to see the concerns of both the disabled and non-disabled students. I feel that my active participation in student government could enhance the overall cohesiveness of the student body."

Social Activities

Alaine Jelsvik, 24, a psychology major, is running for commissioner of social activities. She hopes to initiate an anonymous hotline for alcoholics and other groups in psychological distress. She would like to see a psychologist on campus to help students with any type of problem. "I hope to promote unity within council," said Alaine. "I also hope to eliminate apathy and initiate action." Dances, concerts and ASU fundraisers are some activities Jelsvik would promote if elected.

Gay Concerns

Jeff Nelson, 29, a political science major, is running for commissioner of gay concerns. He hopes to stage special events. He has experience working for political causes in his community and the gay community. "I also want to discuss my actions with GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) and plan activities with them," he said.

Statement to the *Star*: "If elected, my primary goal will be to act as a representative of the gay and lesbian students on campus and to be a voice for their concerns and desires in regard to campus issues. I plan to work closely with members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance in pursiut of this goal. I have a vision of a progressive, active student government that will move beyond the divisive issues of this semester to a more unified, positive force for change.

Jewish Ethnic Studies

David Zolan, an anthropology major, is the current commissioner of Jewish Ethnic Studies and is running for another term. "I want to continue cultural understanding and have Jewish Awareness Week," said Zolan. He wants to bring Jewish food and have speakers explain the significance of Jewish holidays. He has had experience in Jewish groups since high school.

ADJ club honored for 'Nightwatch'

By JOE DON LEWIS
Editor in Chief

The Administration of Justice Club received an award from campus Police Chief J.J. Wolf yesterday for its service this semester in the Nightwatch program. Although other Nightwatch programs have been initiated in the past, Wolf cites this semester's program as being the most unified and successful yet.

The Nightwatch program runs in close conjunction with the responsibilities of the campus police. The volunteers patrol the campus at night for signs of trouble and assist students and faculty in need of their services.

Some of the services provided by the club are escorts for students or faculty to their vehicles or as companions for students who must wait for their ride to arrive. Students or faculty are also invited to wait for their ride at the College Police Center, Bungalow 59.

In the event of trouble, this volunteer group is advised not to become physically involved but to quickly inform the campus police of the situation by two-way radio.

> ***"We're the eyes and ears of the police."***
> ***—Volunteer Chris White***

"We're the eyes and ears of the police," said Chris White, a volunteer member in the club, who plans to become a police officer himself.

Though warned against physical contact, Wolf admitted that the volunteers might become involved in certain situations, such as assault. "We tell them not to get involved," said Wolf. "We don't want them getting hurt out there."

However, White accounts that he and his fellow patrollers have met "nothing life threatening" on campus to their knowledge. He also maintained the observe-and-report-only ideal.

In fact, Kelly Perkins, another volunteer, said that Valley college seems to be afflicted with mainly Code 18's. "A lot of Code 18's," said Perkins. Code 18 is known among the patrollers as "young love," as defined by Derek Naus, or as couples making out on campus.

Wolf is currently planning a cadet program for next semester with the Administration of Justice Club as a prerequisite. Under the new program cadets who are able to put in the most time helping in the office, dispatching and patrolling will receive an undisclosed wage, budget permitting.

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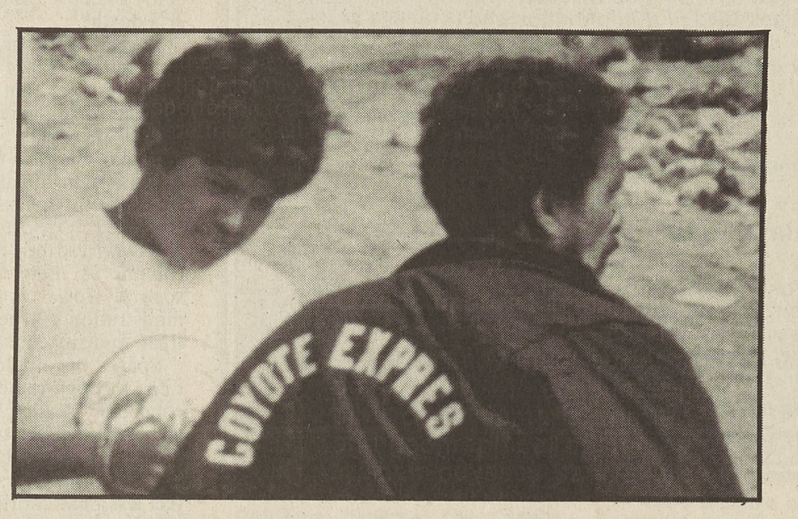
LAST FENCE POST...THEN THE PACIFIC— Within view of the Tijuana Bullring three "coyotes" wait for U.S. Border Patrol Officer at top of hill to turn his attention elsewhere. A given secret signal brings forth the "clients" hiding in the sand dunes and the journey to "el norte" continues, they are still far from their destination and new life. The fencing along the border is mostly chain link, easily cut or bent for going under.



BRAZEN— Stiff competition for immigrants' money brings out blatent advertising on jacket of "coyote." Price for "guiding" people across the border can be from a couple of hundred to several hundred dollars per person. Promises made are often not kept leaving people stranded and broke. Sometimes they are mugged and robbed as well.

CAUGHT— After giving her life savings to a "coyote" who promised to bring her and her grandsons across, this grandmother is spotted hiding in the sand dunes on the U.S. side. The ride promised never came and they were all arrested. (see photo lower right)

ADRENALIN POWERED HUNDRED YARD DASH— After crossing the lagoon, this group hopes to get lucky by catching the Border Patrol either not looking or on a coffee break. They make a run for the relative safety of the Imperial Beach community in the distance. Their hope is to blend in until they can continue their journey. They paid $200 per person to arrange for transportation (car or truck) on the U.S. side. The question is, will it be there? Quite often it is not.

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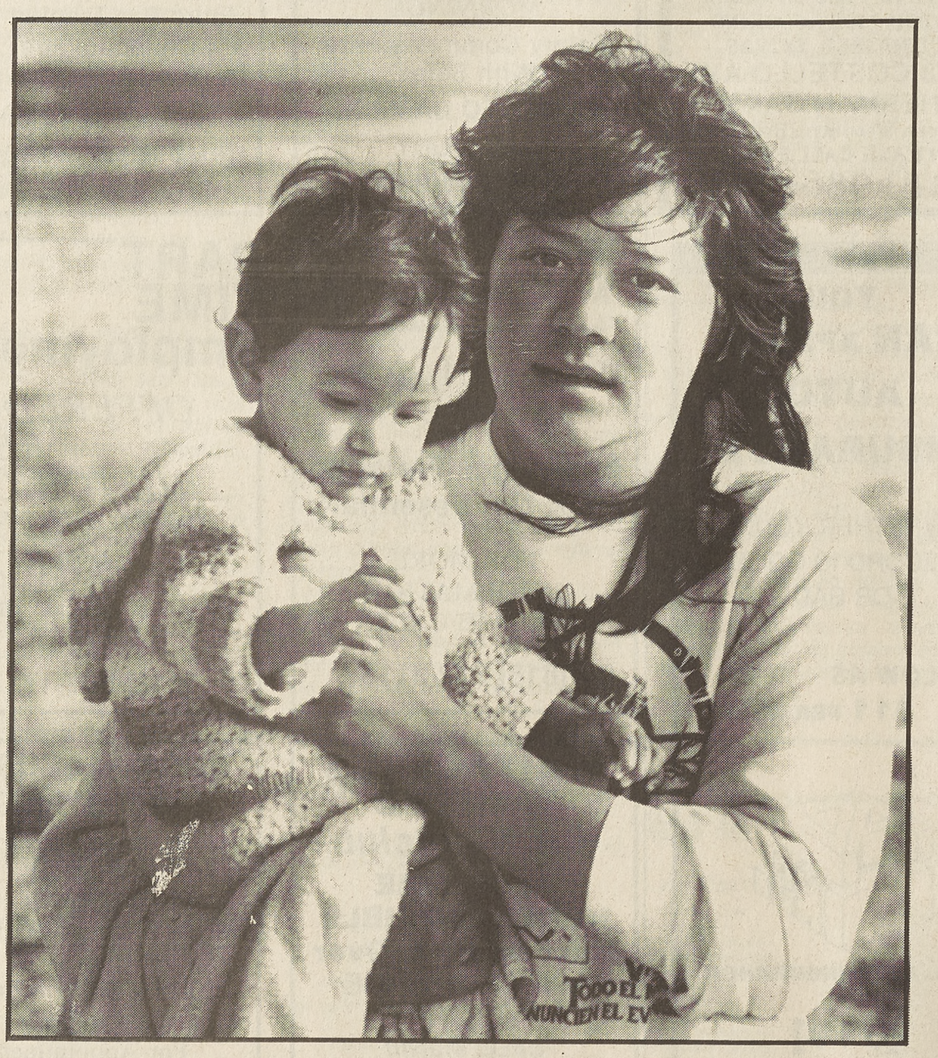
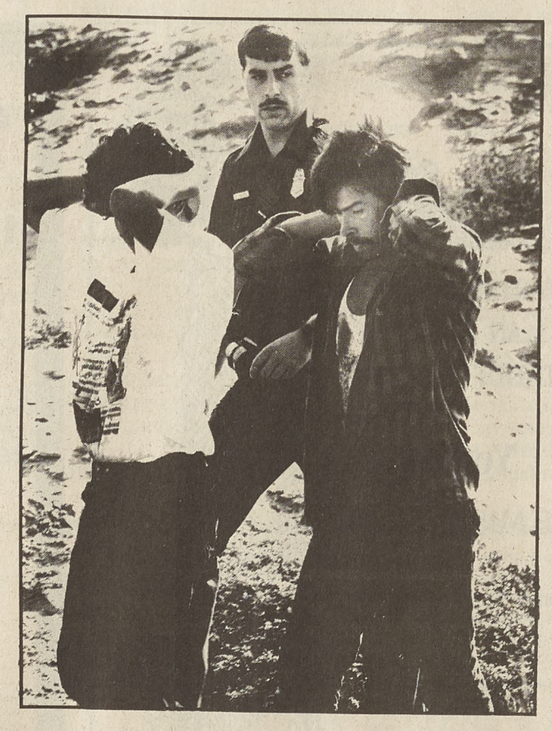


LAGGING BEHIND— Worried looking woman (possibly a mother) carrying a small child seems to be using every ounce of energy she can muster to keep up as she watches her group move further and further ahead of her. Her risks increase manyfold if she does not keep up and is left alone to fend for herself and her little girl. She puts the rest in greater danger by not keeping up.



SO CLOSE— These young men came out of their hiding places in (U.S. side) sand dunes when they saw their grandmother being taken into custody by the Border Partrol. (See photo middle left) They made the decision to not continue without her and were taken into custody as well. All will be sent back to their country of origin—possibly to begin the journey all over again.

Undocumented immigrants— Most know that getting "there" is filled with danger and that they must suffer many ordeals to do so. They will encounter humans that exploit other humans, the law, the elements and geographical obstacles.

Their odyssey can take days, weeks, or months. At every step of the way some harm can befall them.

If they survive the journey, they arrive at a place where they are regarded as less than human and are made to feel unwelcome. They must face privation, "la migra" (U.S. Immigration officers), prejudice, resentment, exploitation, and sometimes, betrayal for profit.

Why do they come? What is it that makes human beings leave home, travel hundreds or thousands of miles to meet the unknown?

Maybe it is the sound of their children crying from hunger, in rags or dying from lack of medical care. Perhaps, as is the case for most Mexicans, it is the constant battle with inflation and unemployment and knowing that no matter what they do they will fall further and further behind.

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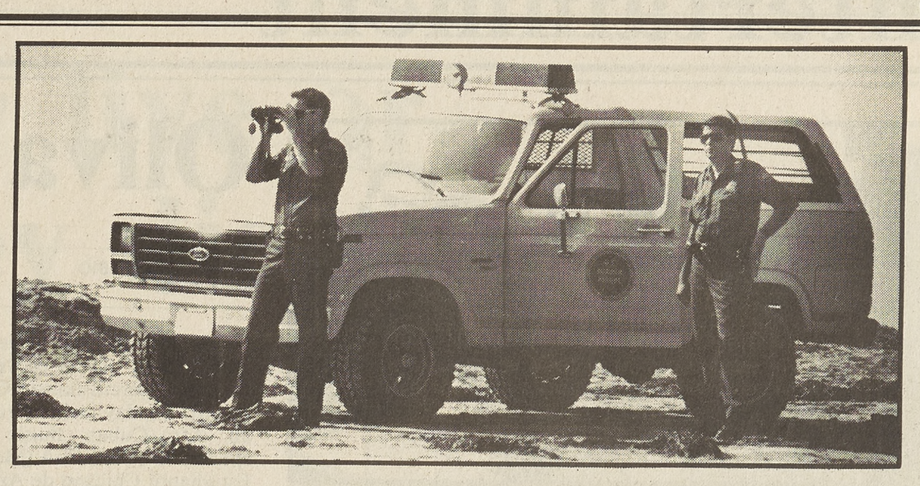
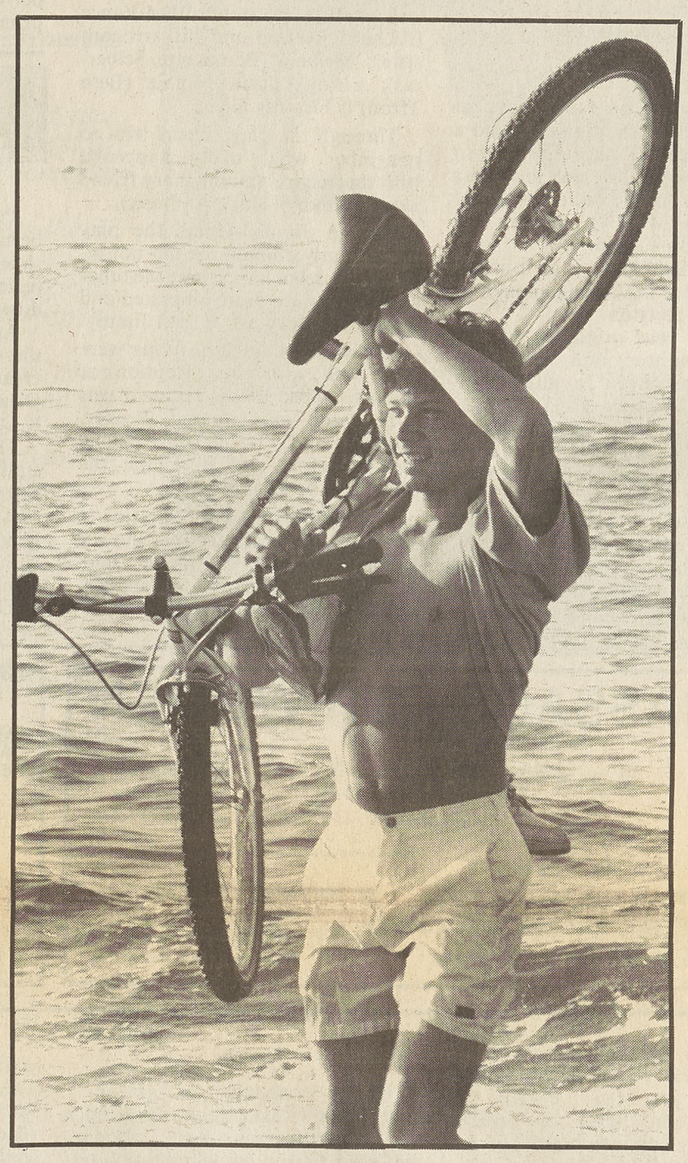


TOO FEW WATCHING TOO MANY— The U.S. Border Patrol is in charge of the 2,013 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. Despite the new immigration laws, the numbers of people coming across continue to rise and the number of BP Officers has not increased. Economics, political unrest and terrorism continue to drive people from Mexico and Central American towards a possibly better life.

DE— Wearing and carrying only the most essential items, oup crosses a lagoon that spans the U.S. and Mexico The crossing is made at low tide to enable non-swimmers to make the trip. One possible non-swimmer is seen wearing a life jacket. Aside from worrying about the Border Patrol, weather and the ocean can turn nasty making it more difficult to navigate.

Often whole families immigrate together. Keeping shoes dry is important because the rest of the way will, in many cases, be traveled on foot. Food and potable water must also be carried.



MALIBU?. . . NO— Creative young man dups a "coyote" out of some big bucks by providing his own transportation. He waded out far enough (all the while carrying his bike overhead) and then walked back onto the shore on the U.S. side.

Photos by Eric Lawson

dodging bullets and terrorism is an added feature to the daily struggle for life. As much as they may suffer in the U.S., it is still better than what they have to face where they came from.

They come for the same reason the Italians, Irish, Germans, Britons, and others came— a chance at a better quality of life. Once here and settled, it is tough to make room for others.

The simple basics that we have come to take for granted— food, shelter and safety— are not the norm everywhere on this planet.

Whether we like it or not and whether we choose to notice it or not— stinging poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and the terrorized are peeking through the fence at one of the most affluent, comparatively peaceful nations on earth.

If it were you, where would you go and what would you do in order to partake?

What hardships and indignities would *you* be willing to suffer?

Text by—
Blanca Bustillos-Adajian

A HAND UP— Families traveling together have to slow down if children, women and/or the elderly are included. Endurance, flexibility, adaptability and agility are requirements for survival. Many of those making the trip have relatives and friends to go to for assistance once they reach their destination, but most have none. Some travel as far north as Washington State and as far east as Chicago, Ill.

USUAL TOURISTS' VIEW— Souvenir vendors are the usual sight most Americans and other tourists see at the designated border crossings such as this one at San Ysidro/Tijuana. Beautifully colored silk and crepe flowers belie what is taking place only about one mile away and all along the U.S.-Mexico border.

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THE FACES BEHIND THE VOICES — The cast of *Jimmy by the Sea*: (L to R) Dan Kahn, Beth Tizon, Danny S. Pasley, Kenneth Morton, Mark Anthony, Bernadette Sciberras and Richard Becker.

Radio show capsizes

By NATHAN DEAN REPONTE
Staff Writer

The thought of radio days at Valley is an entertaining one, and a remembrance of what radio used to be was presented Tuesday in *Jimmy By The Sea*, a live radio broadcast by KVCM-AM (830), Valley's on-campus radio station.

But a remembrance is all it brings as the story is not strong enough to leave an impression.

The play was originally written for the theater and additional material was added for the broadcast by director Jonathan D. Wright.

Jimmy by the Sea is a basic whodunit with an abrupt twist ending. Lucas (Kenneth Morton, the play's author), is the assumed killer of his Uncle Reginald (Dan Kahn).

Coming home after three years in a sanitarium with no memory of the night in question, Lucas is not-so-welcomed by his stepbrother Vance (Richard Becker) and his arrogant sister, Melanie (Bernadette Sciberras); caring cousin Minnie (Beth Tizon) is his only ally.

Through the play, Lucas tries to remember what really happened with the help of an imaginary friend named Jimmy (Mark Anthony).

Though Jimmy enters the play mysteriously enough, he did not interplay or seem important; the other characters were more animated and carried the story better than Jimmy.

The voice characterizations were done well with the exception of Kahn's, whose Uncle Reginald was a little too monotonous. Becker, Morton and Tizon have done theater before and it shows; the others are believable.

The production was interesting to watch and the audience that showed seemed to enjoy it. Wright said, "Radio has a need to put (spoken-word productions) back in."

Oliva rocks with a steady beat

By PATRICIA RUBIO
Staff Writer

Without missing a beat, Juan "Long John" Oliva proved he is a masterful percussionist. Oliva performed Sunday in Monarch Hall in an Afro/Cuban music seminar sponsored by MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan.)

Oliva has an extensive list of musical credentials as a percussionist for Strunz and Farah and the late Latin jazz artist Willie Bobo.

Oliva introduced the audience to the past, present and future of Afro/Cuban rhythms, beginning his performance by playing the more primitive African-influenced yuka and conga drums.

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HE'S GOT THE BEAT — Juan Oliva (in hat, behind congas) entertains the crowd in Monarch Hall.

Playing an energetic two-hour jam, Oliva paused only to explain the function of each drum and to add different instruments to his set.

Oliva delighted the small but joyful crowd when he brought up his mother to sing. For the show's finale, Oliva invited members of the audience to participate.

Captivating an audience with his mixture of Afro/Cuban jazz, Oliva has a rapport with the audience which enables him to motivate active audience participation.

MEChA planned the music seminar as their first school event in order to bring a greater awareness of the Latin heritage. "It's important to get to know more of our background and our culture," said Ramon Diaz, president of MEChA.

The money raised from the event will go into the club's funds in hope of establishing a scholarship for deserving students.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN

The term "alternative music" has been used to describe everything that does not fall into the mainstream, i.e. everything that doesn't sound like Bruce or Prince.

And, as we head into the '90s, there is still interesting music being created, from the Kronos Quartet to Ornette Coleman to Test Dept. to K.D. Lang to De La Soul.

The problem today is most radio stations restrict their formats to an extremely narrow range of styles that preclude playing rock, country, R & B, rap, jazz or classical music with each other. *This* makes for some incredibly boring listening.

There's hope yet. It comes in the form of Deidre O'Donoghue and Tom Schnabel, the prime movers behind *S*N*A*P* and *Morning Becomes Eclectic*, two shows which appear on Santa Monica City College's KCRW-FM (89.9).

*S*N*A*P*, hosted by O'Donoghue, is on every Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 7-11 p.m., with a half-hour show Tuesday at 7 p.m. The show features artists who were barely known when they first appeared but are now fixtures on MTV.

Listeners of *S*N*A*P* have been treated to live interviews and, on occasion, performances by R.E.M., Crowded House, That Petrol Emotion and Dream Syndicate. *S*N*A*P* puts the "alternative" into alternative rock.

O'Donoghue championed Terence Trent D'Arby and the Smiths way, way, way before they became video stars, playing their songs while other DJs were content to play "safe" artists like Milli Vanilli and INXS.

Morning Becomes Eclectic is a weekday show hosted by the genial Schnabel that appears from 9 a.m. to noon.

On the few occasions I've been coherent at that hour, *MBE* has been something of a wake-up tonic. But for those of you who are normally up during that time, *MBE* offers a respite from the various run-of-the-mill DJs and their run-of-the-mill shows.

Schnabel serves up a heady blend of whatever happens to suit his particular tastes at the time. In the space of 15 minutes one is likely to hear David Byrne back to back with Patsy Cline, or Toots and the Maytals with John Cage.

Both O'Donoghue and Schnabel share a single trait that distinguishes them from the crop of faceless dunderheads (hello, Rick and Jay) that hog the airwaves: a willingness to experiment and follow their muses, all the while breaking ground for the trendoids to follow.

Listening to L.A. radio is a bit like listening to Whitney Houston, a musically-superb technician with a wonderfully controlled voice that has virtually no grit, no soul. Slick as Teflon and about as interesting, too.

If you like that, fine. But I've a suspicion that there are many still out there who aren't satisfied and are unaware of the alternatives.

Give a listen to *S*N*A*P* and *Morning Becomes Eclectic* — your ears and your brain will thank you for it.

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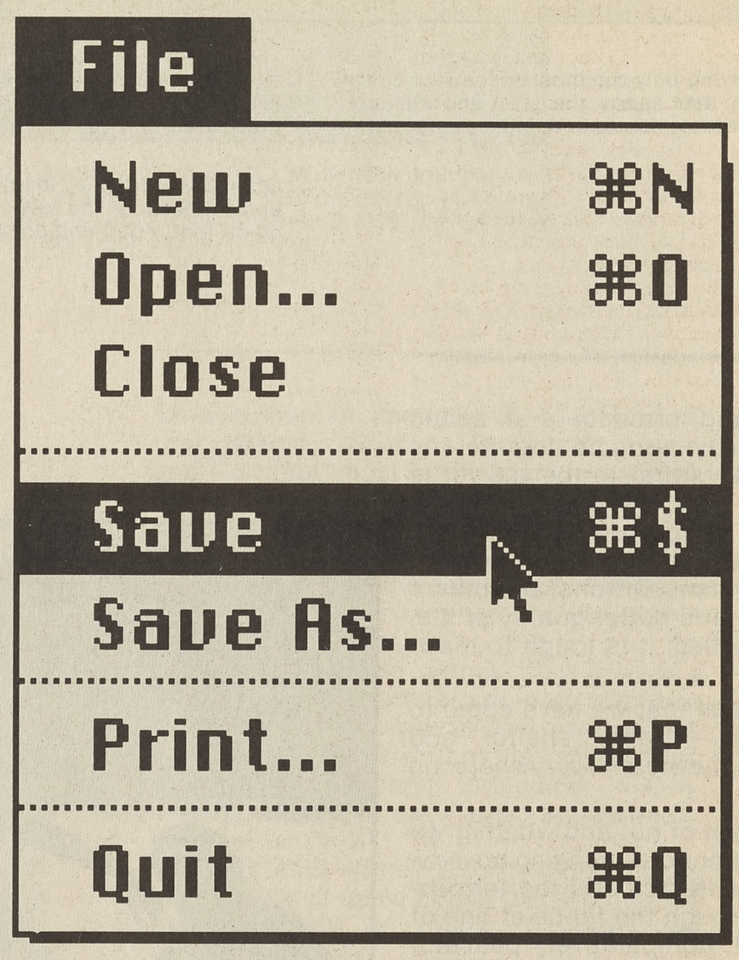

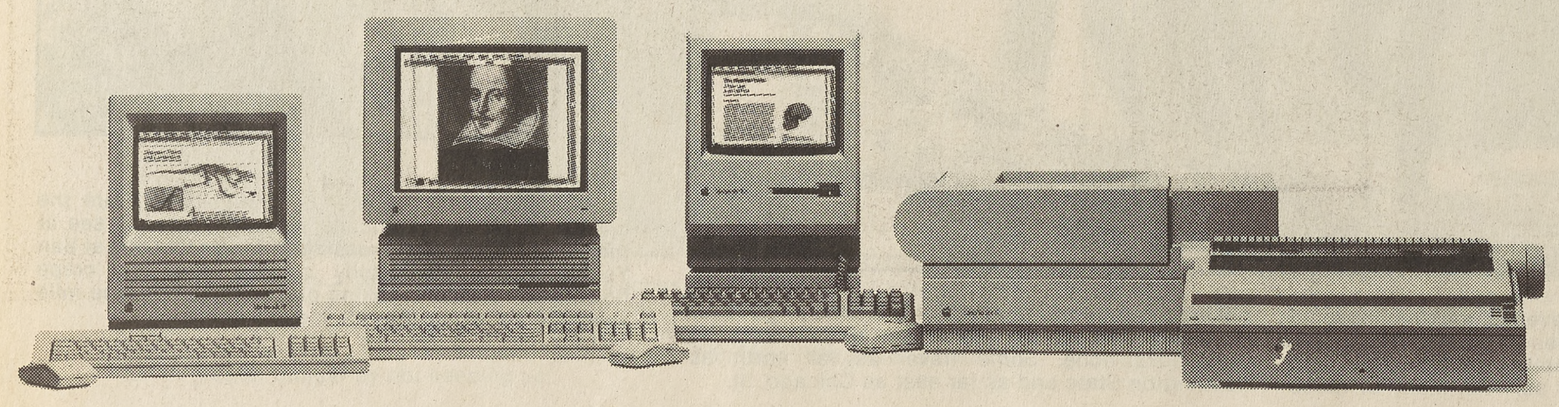

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Should they live or should they die?

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The Environment

I have written these articles on our ecosystem to impart vital information and to familiarize you with the depletion of our environment. I feel the physical effects everyday of automobile exhaust and poor air quality.

Just imagine triple the amount of traffic or days when the air quality does not allow us to venture out of our homes. We are the parents of our children and grandparents of a new generations who will have to contend with our lack of knowledge of the environment.

If we don't recycle, car pool and have respect for our country, who will? We control the fate of our children and the world in which they will have to live. Intelligence and care is needed to save our mother earth. Taking part in our environ ment may seem like a fruitless act but this generation can make a effort to clean up the world.

Let us create a story of a generation who struggled to save our world. Each and every one of us must be aware of our mistakes and how not to make them again. God made this great planet in six days and it takes man only a day to decide our mother earth's fate.

— Tami Sue Samples

Photos by Luther Orrick

A lust for trees, a loss of oxygen

By TAMI SUE SAMPLES
View Editor

Last night, I dreamt about a world in which the skies were no longer blue. The smokestacks of nearby factories filled the air with poisonous-looking magenta smoke.

Everyone around me spoke not a word for they wore black hoses hooked up to masks that covered their entire faces. There were no animal sounds because the animals lay still in piles around me, their mouths gaping wide open.

The next morning I awoke early and ran outside to observe the world around me. The sun was as warm as I remembered. The birds flew freely, and the early morning joggers were determinedly stanced on their course.

The events of last night's dream came flooding back to me. I asked myself this question: "Could these changes happen overnight?"

Today, five years later, I'm facing these facts that could cause my children to live in the world that I dreamt about. But realistically I chose not to accept these changes and to continue my present lifestyle.

Everyday, I read about many environmental events that are overtaking our world. With the devastation of our trees, we are robbing ourselves of one very precious gift — oxygen.

This is not a neighborhood problem but a global problem, and we must as a whole face the fact that our forests are being transformed from evergreen to nevergreen; killed by air pollution and man's greed.

The logging of our forests area is a problem not only in South America but in our national forests.

As recent as August, loggers were destroying ancient trees in Washington's national forest. One day when loggers arrived at work, they were greeted by a strange form of wildlife some 60 feet up in the air.

An environmental group called *Earth First* were perched on a narrow platform with enough food and water to last for a week. Dangling from the branches two banners read: *Save America's forests* and *Forests, not fragments.*

These forests are the last untouched remnants of the great woods that once blanketed enormous areas of North America.

Forests that have stood for a thousand years might be gone in a single generation, along with the wildlife species that inhabit them.

The forest service defends the logging on the ground that the timber industry is vital to the Western economy. Ask yourself which is most important: a desk or a breath of fresh air?

The penalty we pay for our present lifestyle is ultimate death for future generations. First, the loss of air; second, the loss of life; third, a world devastated by the most destructive of all animals — man.

"Trees are our friends, for they supply us with an important element of life: air.

Now, a great many trees are being cut down at an alarming rate. If this continues, the entire planet will suffer along with future generations.

We can make a difference if everybody is willing to take the responsibility and do their part in saving our national forests, simply by planting a tree or protecting the ones we already have."

—Student Sonya Bailey

Air today, gone tomorrow

By TAMI SUE SAMPLES
View Editor

Face the facts; our most precious gift, oxygen, will soon be a part of our past. The problem is that our planet has a fever, and we need to take desperate actions to correct that problem.

Cleaner air will require each and everyone of us to give our special attention to all products we use that produce toxic gases in the atmosphere.

Did you know that the styrofoam containers used at your local fast-food restaurants are raising the earth's temperatures? How about the cheap gas that you use in your car? All these things contribute to the rise in the earth's temperature.

The effects are drastic. Many vehicles are covering so many miles that environmentalists are finding it hard to keep the pollution levels within normal limits. Gas-wise, the 1970s were simpler times.

Legislators who wrote the original Clean Air Act then worried only about the gases that produced low-level ozone, localized smog and acid rain. They knew little and cared less about gases that have become prominent in the 1980s and 1990s.

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The greenhouse effect has existed since the begining of time, and that's good. The earth receives heat, radiates some, and traps enough to maintain a livable climate. Without the greenhouse effect, the earth would be 60 degrees cooler and far less livable.

In recent years, greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and high levels of ozone-destroying gases, principally chlorofluorocarbons, are robbing your children of their rights to clean air.

The California Environmental Act of 1990 stands as one of the most important issues facing our society today.

This act has but one purpose: to save our environment. The state Government plans to do this by regulating pesticides that have been proven to cause cancer in humans.

Moreover, it will limit offshore oil drilling and have contingency plans for oil spills by making companies pay for the devastating effects caused by human and mechanical error.

It is important to vote for the California Environmental Act and to do so now. Toxic waste in our atmosphere and rivers will deprive us of our rights for a healthier future. If your child had a fever you would do everything possible to make it go away; well, our planet has a fever, and she needs our support to lower it.

Please familiarize yourself with your environment and love thy planet.

Disappearing at a location near you

By TAMI SUE SAMPLES
View Editor

Saving our endangered species is one noble cause that is worth our support. Each and everyone of us need to familiarize ourself with the reasons *why*.

Many species have inhabited this world for millions of years but are slowly dying out due to man's waste and greed.

One fact absolutely critical for the survival of our many sea species is the maintenance of our oceans and beaches.

The hawksbill turtles meet their fate everyday in the clutches of the shrimpers' net. Before man came on to the scene the adult female turtle had many decades of life ahead of it, during which it might produce 500 to 1000 eggs.

Now, the sea turtles are condemned to extinction. It is a sad thought, considering they have swum the world's oceans for a hundred million years.

A baby dolphin is born in the sea. His mother teaches him to swim and he takes his first breath of air. He swims next to his mother and gets warm milk from her. The baby will grow larger and larger. He will eat and sleep and play with other dolphins. But one day, he will meet danger; the tuna fisherman.

His mother will watch him die a agonizing death by drowning. Every year many dolphins wash up on the same shores that millions of people enjoy every year. The death of these intelligent animals are suppose to be kept quiet and all truths kept away from the public.

Fortunately, there is a new generation of ocean scientist that are looking past the scientific reasons to dwell into the real reasons [toxic waste].

These young scientist are looking to toxicology for answers to the death of our sea creatures.

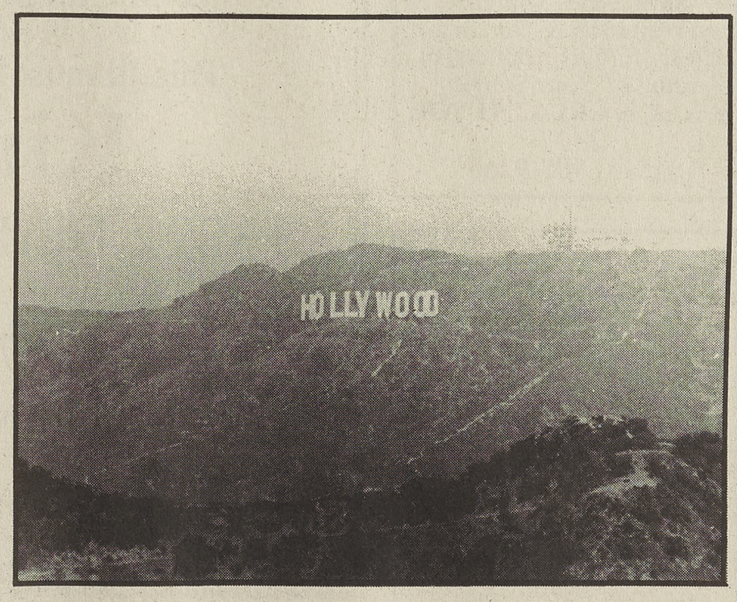
We are on the right track but more support is needed for research to find the answers of their unsolved deaths.

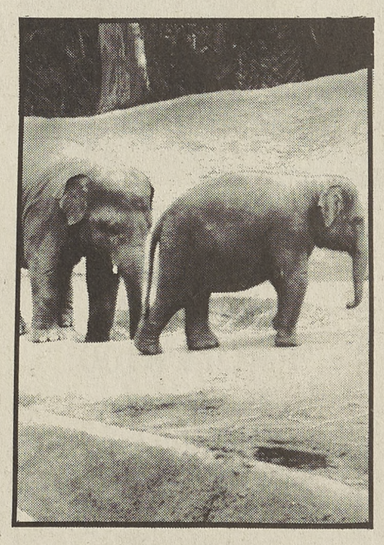
Let's give our children the opportunity to see the bottlenose dolphin in their natural environment, from the Atlantic Coast to the seas of Europe, not in captivity.

There are many sea-species on the endangered list, from sea otters to the great whales of Alaska. Many of these animals are hunted just for sport. Men also kill the sea otters for fur coats; these poor defenseless animals are clubbed to death.

This page could not list the wrongs men inflicts on their fellow inhabitants. The truth is, the endangered species list grows. This simply means that if these animals are not protected they will be gone forever from the earth.

They will never be seen nor heard from again. On their tombstone it will read *"They have been overhunted to extinction by a bigger animal: man."*





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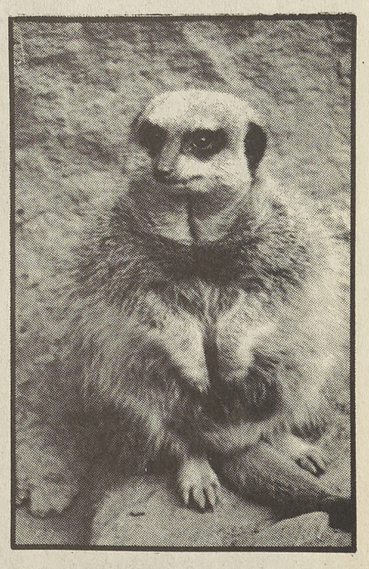

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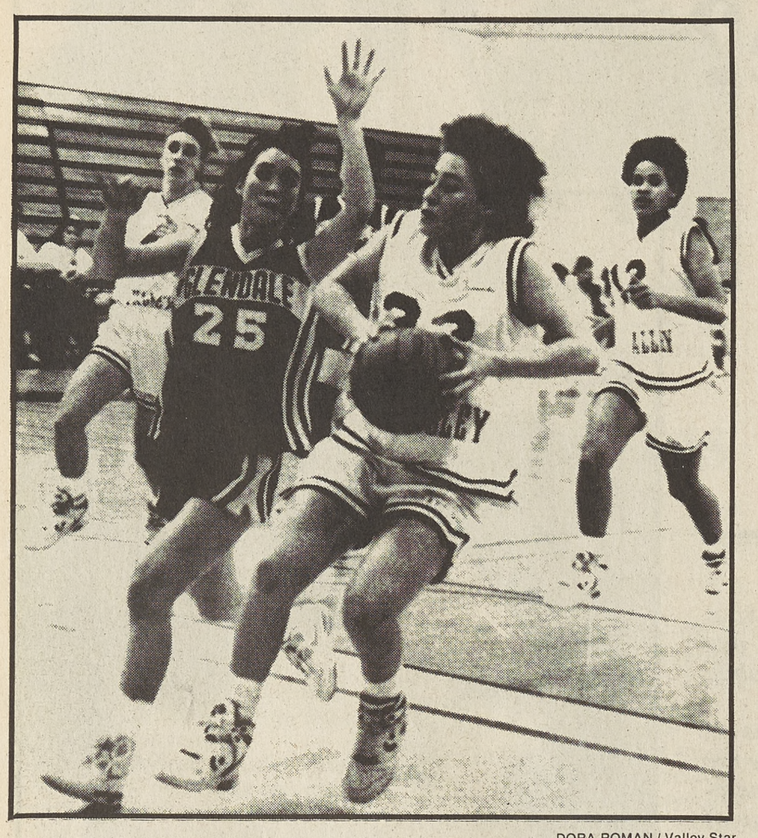
Valley sweeps Glendale



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FAST BREAK— Monarch guard, Lety Carranza, dribbles by defender, Maile Feig, to attempt an easy deuce last Saturday.

Men's

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

After putting the brakes on Santa Monica's 29-game Western State Conference winning streak with a 79-69 road win on Jan. 10, the Monarchs will face their stiffest challenge of the season against Ventura.

The Pirates are ranked in the top 10 in the state with a record of 17-7, and 3-1 in conference play.

Ventura is led by 6' 7" center Leo Parker, who was named to the All-WSC team last year.

"They're a lot bigger than we are and we're going to have to play very well to compete." said Monarch Head Coach Jim Stephens. "It'll be a high scoring game but whoever plays the best defense will win the game."

The Monarchs are coming off a 82-69 home victory over Glendale, Saturday, to stay undefeated in conference play.

The win puts the Monarchs all alone in first place in the WSC with a record of 4-0, 13-8 overall. Glendale goes to 2-2 in conference play and 14-8 overall.

After trailing 36-35 at halftime, Glendale managed to pull ahead 59-56 with 11 minutes left.

Up to that point, the game featured 10 lead changes and seven tied scores. Three minutes later, Valley took the lead for good at 64-63 and then proceeded to outscore Glendale 18-5 to put away the pesky Vaqueros.

Forward Steve Ward was the hero both offensively and defensively for the Monarchs during Valley's second half surge.

Ward scored 19 of his 27 points in the second half while holding his defensive assignment, Glendale sharp-shooter David Swanson, scoreless in the last 12 minutes.

"When Steve made up his mind to play defense and rebound, we upset their rythmn and they started taking some bad shots." said Stephens.

Monarch guard Andre Harrel also had a big second half scoring 12 of his 18 points. Swanson led the Vaqueros with 20 points.

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

Lady Monarch Head Coach Doug Michelson's main concern in Saturday's 5 p.m. home game against Ventura can be summed up in one word: revenge.

In the Candy Kane Classic on Dec. 20, the Lady Monarchs beat Ventura, 84-65, in the finals. However, Michelson is not taking them lightly.

"Ventura's a quality team," said Michelson. "They're coming in here with a purpose and they have the revenge factor on their side."

Ventura is coming into the game undefeated in conference play with a record of 3-0, and 15-4 overall.

Earlier this season, the Lady Monarchs used the "revenge factor" in winning the conference opener against College of the Canyons, 72-67, Jan. 3. Valley lost a close 73-72 decision to Canyons in the opening round of the Fullerton Invitational Tournament, Dec. 27.

The Lady Monarchs are currently coming off a 77-30 blowout over the Lady Vaqueros of Glendale , Saturday at Valley.

The victory improves Valley's conference record to 3-1, and 17-4 overall. The struggling Lady Vaqueros fell to 0-3 in conference play, and 2-9 overall.

Valley scored the first 12 points to open the game en route to a 41-11 half-time lead. With the game well in hand, Michelson used his entire bench getting points from 12 of his 13 players on 34-69 shooting (49 percent).

Valley benefitted from a good all-around game from guard Christine Rumfola who scored 12 points, all from long range, along with two rebounds, three steals and three assists. Forward Sandrine Rocher led Valley with 13 points, four rebounds and a steal.

Glendale point guard Maile Feig scored 13 points in a losing effort.

Sandrine Rocher

Lady Monarch makes forward progress

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

Six years ago, Sandrine Rocher was offered an opportunity that had never crossed her mind: playing basketball.

As a freshman at North Hollywood High, the basketball coach asked her if she would like to try out for the team. She decided to give it a try.

Today, Rocher is the Lady Monarch's 5' 10" starting power forward. This season, Rocher is averaging 18 points and eight rebounds per game and is considered a candidate for the Western State Conference Player of the Year.

These credentials are even more impressive in lieu of the fact that she's been playing basketball for a short period of time but, Rocher has had a history of making big improvements.

As a junior in high school after playing for the junior varsity team the previous year, Rocher stepped up her play on the varsity team and was named the most improved player, averaging 14 points and six rebounds per game.

The following year, Rocher led her team to the Varsity 3A City title game where she was named co-MVP.

Last year, Rocher was the Lady Monarchs' best player off the bench, averaging 12 points and seven rebounds per game.

"Sandrine was definitely good enough to start for last year's team," said Lady Monarch Head Coach Doug Michelson, "but we played best with her as the sixth woman where she provided us with instant offense.

"It's a great luxury to have a player of that calibur coming off the bench."

The improvements that Rocher has made over the years has been the result of working hard on her game.

"Sandrine's work ethic and her desire to play has allowed her to improve in all phases." said Michelson. "She is markably improved on defense, passing and stamina."

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"My mother is my role model." said Rocher. "She has inspired me to work hard all the time and that's how you get better."

Known primarily as an inside offensive player, Rocher has worked hard on her outside shot over the off-season and is now deadly from 15 feet in.

One constant that has been a part of Rocher's game is her desire to be a team player. Rocher is not a flashy player that would draw attention to herself but a consummate team player that does the job in a quiet and efficient manner with little fuss or fanfare.

"Sandrine is very unselfish and very team oriented." said teammate Angie Smith. "She's never out for herself but always out for the well being of the team."

Coming out of high school, Rocher was not heavily recruited by four-year colleges despite averaging 18 points and seven rebounds per game. She first drew the attention of Michelson in the Daily News high school all-star game.

"I liked her size and her passion to play the game." said Michelson. "I felt that she had a lot of hidden abilities and thought that she looked supberb.

"I was lucky that I got to her before other schools did."

Rocher is currently being recruited by several four-year schools in California such as Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Northridge, Cal State San Bernardino, Fresno Pacific, San Jose State, Stanislaus State, Sanoma State and U. C. Riverside. Rocher prefers to stay close to home.

When Rocher is not playing basketball, she can be seen in the women's gym with her teammates. She is also involved in league bowling where she sports a 165 average.

"I've matured immensely this year and a lot of it has to do with coach Michelson." said Rocher. "I want to improve and do well for the coach as a way of giving back for all he's done for me."

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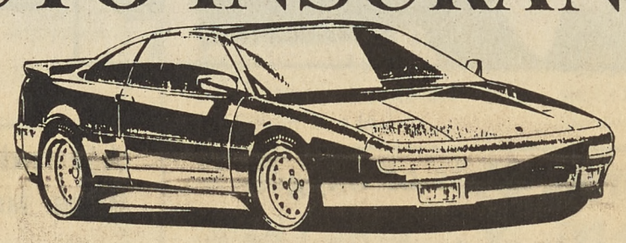

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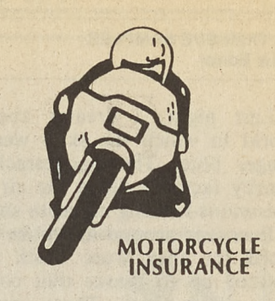

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